

### REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 10, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21, and 22 are amended and claim 25 is canceled to place this application in condition for allowance. Currently, claims 10, 12-15, 18, 22, and 28-34 are before the Examiner for consideration on their merits. Claim 25 is canceled since its subject matter is found in claim 10.

First, Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement as applied to claims 29-34. In the Office Action, the Examiner has asserted that the invention examined and that described in claims 29-34 have "different modes of operation, different functions and different effects." This assertion is not correct, since the invention of claims 29-34 includes each mode of operation, each function, and each effect of the examined invention by reason of claim dependency. For example, claim 29 depends on claim 10, and therefore includes each feature of the invention of examined claim 10, while at the same time adding the step regarding the sheet of material and the use of the hot melt adhesive. Claim 29 is no different than any other dependent claim that adds an additional limitation to the claim from which it depends. To merely allege that a feature added in a dependent claim is different from that found in its dependent claim is not a proper grounds for a restriction requirement. Therefore, the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn. This is especially true now in light of the filing of this RCE. The Examiner is also requested to set forth a proper basis for any future restriction requirement.

Second, the amendments to the claims are made in response to the Examiner's contention that the use of the "non-permanently magnetized" term was improper. These claim amendments effectively overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Third, the arguments set forth in the previous amendment are reiterated in terms of the unobviousness of the invention as described in the independent claims.

Lastly, Applicant submits that claims 29-34 are separately patentable over the applied prior art since none of the references teach or suggest the features recited therein. At the very least, the Examiner should indicate that these claims contain allowable subject matter in the next Office Action.

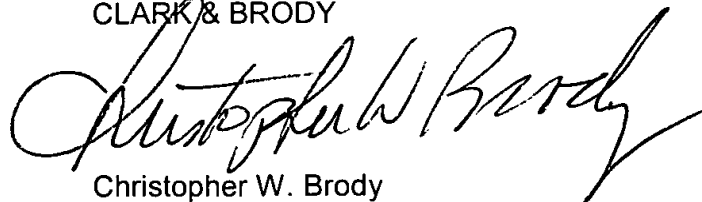
In summary, claims 10, 13, 15, 18-22, 25, 28, and 29-34 are all patentable over Kasei, with or without Chen for the reasons set forth above. These patents do not establish a *prima facie* case of anticipation or obviousness and these claims along with their respective dependent claims should be passed onto issuance.

If the Examiner believes that an interview would help expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 202-835-1753.

The above constitutes a complete response to all issues raised in the Office Action dated December 26, 2002. Again, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

Applicant petitions for a three month extension of time. Please charge the \$465.00 extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1088. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088, including any extension of time fees and claim fees.

Respectfully submitted,  
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